

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TATSURO YAMAZAKI, ET AL.) : Examiner: L. Y. Lao
Application No.: 09/542,460) : Group Art Unit: 2629
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS) :
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Commissioner for Patents
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

On August 31, 2007, Applicants' undersigned representative had a telephone conversation with Examiner Lao regarding the above-identified application.

Initially, the Examiner had requested, and Applicants did agree, to the labelling of Figures 10-13 as --Prior Art--.

The Examiner also referred Applicants' representative to the first full paragraph on page 9 of the Amendment filed on July 23, 2007. The Examiner asked how Applicants have determined that the number of normalized luminance falling within a range defined by lines $y=x$ and $y=x^{0.8}$ is 6 in Figure 8 and is 14 in Figure 9. Applicants' representative first explained that the numeral 14 for Figure 9 was in fact a mistake and that the correct number that should have been included is number 11.

As for the source of the numbers 6 and 11, Applicants' representative explained that, with respect to Figure 8, there is shown a total of 7 normalized luminance points (excluding the points corresponding to $x=0, x=1$) and the number of normalized luminance points falling within a closed range is 6 because the second point from the top is outside the closed range. Figure 9 shows a total of 15 normalized luminance points (excluding the points corresponding to $x=0, x=1$), but 4 of normalized luminance points fall outside the closed range, leaving 11. In Figure 9 the fourth, fifth, seventh and ninth points from the top are not within the range.

So as to be absolutely clear, Applicants attached hereto copies of Figures 8 and 9 in which the normalized luminance points outside the range have been circled.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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FIG. 8

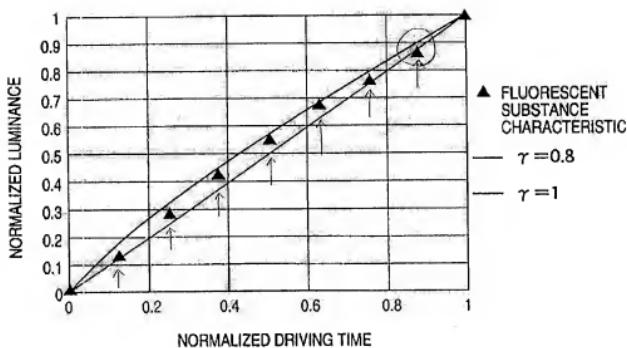


FIG. 9

